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37. A NAME CHANGE FOR *COLEUS VETTIVEROIDES* JACOB  
(LAMIACEAE)

Loureiro (1790) raised the genus *Coleus* to accommodate the species of *Plectranthus* L'Herit. with the stamens united at base. This character was regarded by Bentham (1832, 1848) as of over-riding importance and thus these two genera came to stay. But this has been a matter of discussion since then. However, Morton (1962), Keng (1978) and Willemse (1979), among others, considered this character as unreliable and therefore the two genera have now been merged, *Plectranthus* L'Herit. (1788) taking precedence. Accordingly the latter two have transferred all the Malaysian and Sri Lankan species of *Coleus*

Lour. under *Plectranthus* L'Herit., which incidentally has also covered 7 of the 9 Indian species while another Indian species *C. spicatus* Benth. has been transferred by Wickens (1976). Therefore, the following new combination is proposed for the only remaining Indian species *Coleus vettiveroides* Jacob.

***Plectranthus vettiveroides*** (Jacob) Singh et Sharma *comb. nov.*

*Coleus vettiveroides* Jacob in J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 42: 320. 1941.

*Distribution*: INDIA: Tamil Nadu (mostly cultivated). Endemic.

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